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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

NRO review(s) completed.

Security Responsibility for CORONA/LANYARD

LANYARD is a code word assigned to the program involving a particular camera in the CORONA Project system.

Present planning calls for CORONA/M shots after the LANYARD shots, hence it is essential that the tight security precautions enforced for CORONA not be jeopardized by LANYARD.

CIA has been delegated security responsibility for CORONA and, to ensure consistency here, must have similar responsibility for LANYARD.

Access to LANYARD Information:

LANYARD is a compartment established under Project CORONA. Persons authorized access to LANYARD must meet CORONA approval standards. They will be briefed only to the extent necessary to do their job.

New CORONA approvals deemed essential to effectuate LANYARD will be granted by the Security Officer CORONA Project Headquarters [redacted]

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Determination of Need to Know:

In order to preclude unauthorized dissemination of CORONA Project information every effort must be made to rigidly hold down the number of new participants in CORONA necessary to the implementation of LANYARD. Ideally, LANYARD would be implemented utilizing existing CORONA cleared persons.

Director of Special Projects, OSAP, M/Gen. Greer, will determine need to know for people in industry under contract for the LANYARD program and DOD people directly or indirectly involved in the management or conduct of LANYARD.

Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force will determine need to know for DOD personnel not directly involved in management or conduct of the project.

CORONA Security Officer and his representatives on the West Coast and East Coast will review such candidates and must take into consideration whether their participation in CORONA/LANYARD will have an adverse effect upon continued CORONA security. In the event it is determined that jeopardy to CORONA security will probably result, the CORONA Security Officer will not concur in the clearance request and so inform the Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force and the DD/R CIA.

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[redacted] will determine need to know for personnel in CIA, Government agencies other than Department of Defense, and industrial firms not under contract for the LANYARD program.

Responsibility for the Conduct of Investigations:

In the event a heavy increase in requests for CORONA clearances of individuals not possessing a T.S. clearance ensues, the OSI/USAF will probably be called upon via Office of Under Secretary of the Air Force to expeditiously conduct these background investigations.

Use of Covert Facilities:

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Extreme caution must be exercised in the movement of LANYARD hardware through [redacted] and the "L" building at VAFB.

Visits to CORONA Contractors or Field Installations:

Such visits must be coordinated through Project CORONA Security Officer, and clearances certified to field installations.

Security Control Point at SSD:

It would appear desirable for Chief of Plans, Technical Evaluations Office, SSD, to be designated as the Security Support Officer to General Greer for LANYARD due to his extensive experience with CORONA.

CONCUR:

SIGNED

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CONCUR:

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Brigadier General Richard D. Curtin, USAF
Director, Office of Space Systems

SUBJECT : LANYARD Program Concept

REFERENCE : Memo for Dr. Scoville, from Director, OSS,
dtd 4 Jun 62, Same Subject

We appreciate the opportunity to review the LANYARD Program Concept and concur with the program as outlined with the following modification. In addition to Dr. Charyk's suggestion as noted in reference memorandum, we suggest also that paragraph five of [redacted] (Memo for Under Secretary of the Air Force, from DDR/CIA, Dtd 1 June 62, Subj: Establishment of CIA Contracts Staff Representative at OSAF for Handling of Covert (Payload) Procurement for Project LANYARD and Other Similarly-managed Projects) be incorporated into the concept paper or added as an attachment outlining the ground rules for covert procurement.

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Attachment

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